

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK  
AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN SCOPE TO  
THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
JM SORGE, INC. APPOINTED AS ONE OF THE 2015  
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FIRMS TO INCLUDE  
GROUNDWATER SAMPLING FOR BLOCK 4, LOTS 3 & 4 (2688-2730 ROUTE 27)**

**WHEREAS**, resolution 16-1.15 approved by the Township Council authorized JM Sorge, Inc. with offices at 57 Fourth Street, Somerville, New Jersey, to provide environmental engineering consulting services for calendar year 2015, awarded under a fair and open contract process, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of North Brunswick has been committed to acquiring property for the purpose of Open Space; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 the owner of Block 4, Lots 3&4 approached the Township with an interest in selling the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property consisted of two contiguous lots totaling 6.31 acres improved with a two-story, 3,300SF mixed use building consisting of a first floor office unit (currently Mid-Jersey OB-GYN Associates, P.A.) and a second floor apartment unit; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Appraisal Services Inc. and Sterling DiSanto and Associates were previously engaged to provide appraisal reports; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Township proceed with negotiating the acquisition of said property, the Township intends on applying for New Jersey Green Acres funding that can offset 50% of the acquisition cost; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Green Acres application process, a Preliminary Assessment (PA) must be conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2014 the Township engaged JM Sorge, Inc. to conduct a PA, to be completed in accordance with the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation (TRSR) – N.J.A.C.7:26E-3.1 and 3.2, as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

**WHEREAS**, after the initial inspection of the property an above ground storage tank (AST) located behind a brick wall and underneath stone steps that lead to the front door of the building was determined to be classified as an Underground Storage Tank (UST) which required soil sampling adjacent to the tank area and a report on findings; and

**WHEREAS**, JM Sorge, Inc. was engaged in August 2014 to provide additional services required for conducting a soil sampling adjacent to the UST; and

**WHEREAS**, the soil samples collected confirmed that contamination was present and remediation was necessary (in accordance with NJDEP rules and regulations) by the owner for the Township to consider acquisition of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2015 the Township engaged JM Sorge to oversee the removal and disposal of the UST, excavation and removal of impacted soils, collection of post-excavation samples (and potentially a groundwater sample), backfill of the excavation with certified clean backfill, and restoration of the remediation area for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner conducted the site remediation, without notification to JM Sorge or the Township and a no Remedial Action Report was submitted to the NJDEP in June 2015 and a No Further Action (NFA) report issued in July 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing the report, it is the Business Administrator's recommendation to engage JM Sorge to provide supplemental groundwater sampling adjacent where the UST was previously located to ensure that the discharge from the tank did not result in any impacts to the groundwater; and